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SUBJECT: US-EC ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTATIONS

REF: EC BRUSSELS 3765

1. MISSION REQUESTED FORMALLY PROPOSE TO EC COMMISSION
THAT NEXT US-EC ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTATION BE HELD IN
WASHINGTON MAY 24-25.

2. CONCERNING AGENDA, WE ARE REVIEWING PROPOSALS EMANATING
FROM LAST SESSION (PARA 9, EC BRUSSELS 7055, AND LAST
PARA EC DRAFT REPORT ON JULY 1976 MEETING). MOST POINTS
STILL APPEAR GOOD SUBJECTS FOR NEXT MEETING, BUT WE WILL
COMMENT MORE DEFINITELY LATER. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED
TO HEAR ANY PRELIMINARY COMMENTS EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS
HAVE ON PROPOSED AGENDA. (FYI: WE WILL SEE JOHNSON
DURING APRIL 26-28 MEETING ON FLUOROCARBON REGULATION AND,
PRESUMABLY, CARPENTIER AT MAY 2-4 OECD ENVIRONMENT COMMI-
TEE AND MAY BE ABLE EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THOSE OCCASIONS
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AS WELL.)

3. UNTIL AGENDA FIRMED UP, NOT POSSIBLE TO INDICATE WHO
WILL PARTICIPATE FROM US SIDE. HOWEVER, WE EXPECT DEPUTY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY GRANT WILL REPRESENT THE DEPARTMENT
IN ANY POLICY LEVEL DISCUSSIONS. ALSO, ADMINISTRATOR
COSTLE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WILL BE

ASKED TO JOIN IN AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON DIRECTIONS OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES.

4. LASTLY, MISSION REQUESTED ASCERTAIN COMMISSION'S VIEWS ON FORMAT OF MEETING. YOU WILL RECALL THAT PRIOR TO LAST MEETING THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION ABOUT REVAMPING THE FORMAT. END RESULT WAS, HOWEVER, LITTLE CHANGED FROM EARLIER SESSIONS. AT CLOSE OF JULY MEETING, ZITO AND US OFFICIALS TENTATIVELY AGREED THAT THE NEXT SESSION WOULD CONSIST OF A PLENARY, AT WHICH BROAD POLICY ISSUES MIGHT BE AIRED AND AN OVERVIEW OF THE ONGOING TECHNICAL EXCHANGES PRESENTED, FOLLOWED BY TECHNICAL TALKS AMONG THE INTERESTED EXPERTS ON THE AGREED THEMES, FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER PLENARY WHICH WOULD INCLUDE (POSSIBLY WRITTEN) REPORTS FROM THE TECHNICAL GROUPS. DOES THIS APPROACH STILL APPEAL TO THE COMMISSION?
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